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All information set forth in the details of this report was originally reported and characterized by each Field Division whom the Bureau designated to submit a LCN report covering their respective areas.

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The selection of information for reporting was determined as a matter of judgment on that which would most effectively depict the overall activity of LCN in the United States.

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Report of: LEONARD H. MC COY Office: New York, New York
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Synopsis: The "Commission" membership of "La Cosa Nostra" (LCN) is believed to consist of 9 "rappresentanti" who are identified as follows: STEFANO MAGADDINO, Buffalo, NY; RAYMOND PATRIARCA, Boston, Mass.; CARLO GAMBINO, NYC; THOMAS LUCHESE, NYC; GERARDO CATENA, Newark, NJ; JOSEPH COLOMBO, NYC; ANGELO BRUNO, Philadelphia, Pa.; JOSEPH ZERILLI, Detroit, Michigan; SAMUEL GIANCANA, Chicago, Illinois. During the JOSEPH BONANNO dispute, the "Commission", which is defined as the ruling body of LCN, demonstrated its authority to act and enforce its orders. Obligations and duties which a LCN member assumes on initiation also implies a duty to obey the orders of the "Commission". The "Administration" of a "family" includes the "boss", "underboss", "consiglieri", and "capodecine". The "boss" of a "family" is elected to his position by the members of a "family". The "consiglieri" is also elected by the members of the "family". "Capodecine" and the "underboss" are appointed by the "boss".

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D):

The showing of proper "respect" to the "family" "Administration" and fellow LCN members is a primary obligation of membership. Leadership and known membership of LCN in the US set forth. Gambling and shylocking continue as the major sources of LCN revenues. "Skim" funds from Las Vegas casinos have been delivered to JOHN T. SCALISH of Cleveland, Ohio and GERARDO CATENA and THOMAS EBOLI, Newark, NJ, who break down funds for further distribution. JOSEPH BONANNO, a former LCN "Boss" was allegedly kidnapped from in front of 36 Park Avenue, NYC, on 10/21/64. His present whereabouts are unknown. LCN members are or have been allegedly engaged in murder, extortion, arson and narcotics activity. Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, has subpoenaed numerous members of BONANNO and LUCHESE "families" with resultant sentences for contempt of court for those who were given immunity and continued in their refusal to testify. GENOVESE and GAMBINO "family" members in disagreement over the control of garbage collection routes in Westchester County, NY, and other areas of NYC. The LCN "Commission" allegedly met on at least ten occasions from September, 1964 through March, 1965, over the JOSEPH BONANNO dispute. Fear of discovery by "Commission" members when attending meetings has resulted in the delegation of authority by members of the "Commission" to other "Commission" members and to high-ranking "Capodecine" within the respective "families".

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EXISTENCE

"The Commission"-3"

The ruling body and ultimate authority of "La Cosa Nostra" (LCN) is the "Commissione" (Commission). The full scope and authority of this elite but sinister group is more fully comprehended since the rebellion of one of its former members, JOSEPH BONANNO. The BONANNO controversy created activity on the part of the "Commission" which has given new insight as to its membership, scope of authority, and organizational structure.

The best authority to date has established the present strength of the "Commission" at nine men, not counting JOSEPH BONANNO, who was deposed by "Commission" edict and his place taken by JOSEPH COLOMBO. There exists some doubt as to whether SAMUEL RIZZO DE CAVALCANTE is a member of the "Commission". DE CAVALCANTE, the "boss" of a small "family" headquartered in Elizabeth, New Jersey, undoubtedly attended "Commission" meetings during the deliberations held by this group in the BONANNO matter. The best opinion to date is that DE CAVALCANTE acted as an ex-officio member or perhaps an "amicus curiae" to the "Commission" during the discussions of the BONANNO trouble.

Those "rappresentanti" (bosses) who apparently comprise the present "Commission" are as follows:

STEFANO MAGADDINO (Chairman)	Buffalo, New York
RAYMOND PATRIARCA	Boston, Massachusetts
CARLO GAMBINO	New York, New York
THOMAS LUCHESE	New York, New York

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GERARDO CATENA
(Acting for VITO GENOVESE)

Newark, New Jersey

JOSEPH COLOMBO
(Replaced JOSEPH BONANNO)

New York, New York

ANGELO BRUNO

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

JOSEPH ZERILLI

Detroit, Michigan

SAMUEL GIANCANA

Chicago, Illinois

Concerning representation on the "Commission", the western "borgatas" located in Dallas and San Diego are thought to be represented through FRANK DESIMONE, the "boss" of the Los Angeles "Borgata". DESIMONE, although not a member of the "Commission" made at least six trips "out East" in 1964 and after each trip relayed instructions and information which he had received from a "Commission" spokesman. On one such trip, DESIMONE was identified as stopping in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On another one of his visits, DESIMONE is known to have brought back the "Commission" order that JOSEPH BONANNO and his entire "family" had been expelled from LCN. Since DESIMONE is not a member of the "Commission", the Los Angeles "family" allegedly reports to and is in contact with the "Commission" through THOMAS LUCHESE, a "Commission" member in New York City.

As has been noted in previous reports, a "boss" does not automatically become a member of the "Commission" upon his ascension to the head of a "borgata" (family).

At one time there was a rule which specified an election every five years of the "rappresentante" (heads of families) who comprised the "Commission". It is not clear whether this was a general election among all the "bosses" competing for a place on the "Commission" or among the "Commission" members who proposed additional members for admission to the ruling body of LCN.

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Upon the death of SALVATORE MARANZANO, a Castellamarese (Sicilian) who was the last "Capo dei capi" (boss of bosses), a general assembly was called in Chicago in the nineteen thirties to replace the "Capo dei capi" with the "Commissione". At that time when the "Commission" was formed it was composed of 6 men (some say 7) and has continued to function and develop to the present 9 man group.

From time to time the old animosities between Sicilian and mainland-origin Italian are noted within LCN although both origins are equally acceptable for membership. STEFANO MAGADDINO, the elderly chairman of the "Commission", who is himself a Sicilian, was known to have quieted some opposition to JOSEPH COLOMBO's elevation to the "Commission" because COLOMBO was a "Calabrese". MAGADDINO considers himself a "man of peace" and apparently took a statesman-like view regarding COLOMBO's admission to the "Commission" succeeding JOSEPH BONANNO. However, MAGADDINO may have been more mindful of aligning himself with CARLO GAMBINO, who sponsored COLOMBO's ascension to the head of the old PROFACI "family" and subsequently to the "Commission" itself.

MAGADDINO, CARLO GAMBINO and THOMAS LUCHESE are thought to control the "Commission" today. This alignment may have taken place earlier when JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO, the successor to JOSEPH PROFACI, was alleged, while serving as the pro tem head of the PROFACI "family", to have ordered the execution of CARLO GAMBINO and THOMAS LUCHESE. JOSEPH COLOMBO is thought to have been one of the men selected by MAGLIOCCO to carry out the "hit". COLOMBO is reported as having notified CARLO GAMBINO of this plot against his life, and GAMBINO reported the whole conspiracy to the "Commission". The "Commission" thereupon summoned MAGLIOCCO to answer these charges. MAGLIOCCO is alleged to have confessed before the "Commission" that he had given such an order and was removed from his temporary position as "family" "boss". It was MAGADDINO who chose to carry the message to MAGLIOCCO informing him that he was through and was not recognized by the "Commission" as the successor to JOSEPH PROFACI or the "boss" of the "family". JOSEPH COLOMBO, as a reward for

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his defection, was named as temporary "boss" to the position vacated by MAGLIOCCO with CARLO GAMBINO acting as his sponsor. Later, COLOMBO was elevated to the "Commission" replacing JOSEPH BONANNO, with GAMBINO, LUCHESE and MAGADDINO undoubtedly providing the necessary influence to accomplish his admission.

COLOMBO's temporary appointment as "boss" of the "family" was later ratified by a formal election in his "family", making his position official.

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It was during the "Commission's" investigation of the charges against MAGLIOCCO that additional serious charges were lodged against JOSEPH BONANNO. Apparently, SALVATORE "BILL" BONANNO and his wife were guests at the home of JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO at the time he ordered the execution of CARLO GAMBINO and THOMAS LUCHESE. Adding to this circumstantial bit of evidence was the fact that [redacted] was related to MAGLIOCCO. When the fact of BILL BONANNO's presence in MAGLIOCCO's home was made known, LUCHESE and GAMBINO immediately accused JOSEPH BONANNO as a co-conspirator in the plot to kill them. MAGLIOCCO is thought to have denied that BONANNO was implicated in the plot, but apparently did not convincingly dispel the mounting charges against BONANNO. Again, a strong alignment of LUCHESE, GAMBINO, and MAGADDINO controlled the "Commission's" activities. MAGADDINO was now ready to fully exploit any accusations against JOE BONANNO since a mixture of jealousy and fear over BONANNO's power had been bothering MAGADDINO for some time.

MAGADDINO, a blood relative (cousin) of BONANNO, has claimed that he was responsible for BONANNO's admission to "La Cosa Nostra" some 23 - 25 years ago.

It is reported that it was on the occasion of SALVATORE "BILL" BONANNO's [redacted] that MAGADDINO became extremely jealous over the ostentatious display

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of wealth and the number of people who attended the wedding, in effect paying respect to JOSEPH BONANNO. MAGADDINO apparently felt this was further confirmation of his suspicion that BONANNO was power-hungry. MAGADDINO is also known to have complained that JOSEPH BONANNO considered himself superior to MAGADDINO because of his (BONANNO's) educational background. There was also the smoldering resentment of BONANNO's activities in Canada where he allegedly formed a "decina" and "made" members without "Commission" approval. Here BONANNO apparently usurped two "Commission" prerogatives in that he did not ask "Commission" permission to move into a new territory and secondly, acted to initiate new members into LCN when the "books were closed". It was also a direct threat to MAGADDINO, who by reason of his geographical location (MAGADDINO also claimed relatives in the Montreal area), considered Canadian cities within his territory.

Additional complaints were also accumulating against BONANNO. FRANK DESIMONE, the "boss" of the Los Angeles "family", complained that JOSEPH BONANNO and/or his son, BILL BONANNO, were preparing to move into his territory with 40 men. Apparently the "Commission" succeeded in blocking this move on BONANNO's part leaving DESIMONE in control of his "borgata".

Further evidence of BONANNO's disregard for "Commission" authority became apparent with the demotion of "GASPARINO" (GASPAR DI GREGORIO), a "caporegima" in the BONANNO "family". DI GREGORIO, a relative by marriage of MAGADDINO, was well known and highly regarded by other "Commission" members.

JOSEPH BONANNO apparently influenced the election of his son to the position of "Consigliere" (advisor) in the "family" over the protests of other "Commission" members, including MAGADDINO, who favored "GASPARINO" for this position. MAGADDINO especially felt that BILL BONANNO was too young and inexperienced for such an important position, besides having a number of personal reasons for disliking the younger BONANNO. MAGADDINO made no attempt to hide his dislike for BILL BONANNO,

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referring to him on many occasions as a 'stupid liar' and other uncomplimentary terms.

Thus with the demotion of "GASPARINO", BONANNO showed his contempt for the "Commission" by completely expelling "GASPARINO" from the "family". "GASPARINO" would probably have been murdered had he not hid out and sought the assistance of MAGADDINO. The "Commission", probably with MAGADDINO's urging, retaliated by placing "GASPARINO" "under its protection".

The basic conflict between "Commission" and a "borgata" now became clear. Did the "Commission" have the right to interfere in the internal affairs of a "borgata" and summon the "boss" to appear and answer such charges before the full "Commission"? JOSEPH BONANNO made it clear that he did not believe jurisdiction of the "Commission" extended to the internal affairs of his "family".

During August and September, 1964, five messages were sent by the "Commission" summoning BONANNO to appear before the "Commission" to answer the accumulating charges against him. The courier acting for the "Commission" was SAMUEL RIZZO DE CAVALCANTE of Elizabeth, New Jersey. As previously noted, DE CAVALCANTE is thought to have acted as an ex-officio member of the "Commission" for the purpose of summoning BONANNO. The "Commission" may also have chosen DE CAVALCANTE because BONANNO was alleged to have had great respect for DE CAVALCANTE's father.

As will be discussed under the Organizational Section of this report, one of the first attempts to reach BONANNO was through a two man delegation composed of JOSEPH ZERILLI of Detroit and ANGELO BRUNO of Philadelphia. STEVE MAGADDINO also alleged that he had been trying to personally contact BONANNO for over a year. However, a curious objection was raised by BONANNO wherein he insisted that the protocol of the "Commission"

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specified that in order to summon a "rappresentante" before the "Commission", a committee of three members must approach the accused and formally notify him to make his appearance before the "Commission".

There was some who felt that BONANNO should have been accorded the technicality of a three man notification, while others led by MAGADDINO placed little importance to this request.

On September 19, 1965, a 5th message was delivered to BONANNO by SAMUEL DE CAVALCANTE requesting his appearance before the "Commission". BONANNO promptly informed DE CAVALCANTE that he did not intend to appear and furthermore instructed DE CAVALCANTE not to bother him again with such a request. As a result of this last affront, the remaining eight members of the "Commission" voted to withdraw recognition of BONANNO and all members of his "family". This order was particularly directed at the top echelon of the "family", namely JOSEPH BONANNO, his son, BILL BONANNO, the [redacted] and former [redacted] and "capodecina" JOSEPH NOTARO.

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Apparently the "Commission" hoped the balance of the BONANNO "Administration" would present themselves before the "Commission" and seek reinstatement provided they renounced their loyalty to BONANNO and came over to the side of the "Commission".

The "Commission" order withdrawing recognition of all BONANNO "family" members was duly promulgated throughout the country, and the "soldati" in each "borgata" were notified of the "Commission" order by their respective "bosses".

On the evening of October 20 - 21, 1964, a bizarre event occurred which left the BONANNO "family" leaderless and probably stalled the outbreak of a gang war within the ranks of

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LCN. JOSEPH BONANNO was allegedly kidnapped on the above date by two individuals while in the company of [redacted]. [redacted]. The "snatch" occurred at [redacted], New York City, in front of [redacted]'s apartment residence.

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Conflicting opinions have been voiced as to whether the kidnapping of JOSEPH BONANNO was "staged" or a well-executed plan masterminded by one or two "Commission" members. A highly placed source has advised that the kidnapping of JOSEPH BONANNO was a well-planned operation executed by associates of STEFANO MAGADDINO with the tacit approval of the "Commission". This source stated that after the kidnapping, JOE BONANNO was ordered to step down from his position as "boss" and to forfeit all claims and privileges afforded him as the "boss" of a "family". JOSEPH BONANNO's present whereabouts are unknown.

With the disappearance of BONANNO, the "Commission" appointed a three-man committee as interim leadership until the "family" could be re-unified. After several months of committee rule, a number of high-ranking LCN members gathered in January, 1965, at the Villa Capra Restaurant located at Cedarhurst, Long Island. This group apparently had instructions from the "Commission" to notify GASPAR DI GREGORIO that he had been appointed to act as temporary head of the "borgata" recently ruled by BONANNO. Shortly thereafter, DI GREGORIO suffered a heart attack after receiving a subpoena to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York. Sources later reported that due to his physical incapacity, DI GREGORIO had been replaced by MIKE SABELLA, a former "capodecina" in the BONANNO "family". To date, the best available information reflects that DI GREGORIO remains as the "boss" of the former BONANNO "family".

The existence and function of the "Commission" has emerged in clearer definition.

The BONANNO "family" rebellion, or at least the rebellion of its "boss", illustrates the ability of the "Commission" to act and enforce its actions. The "Commission" has demonstrated that it can exercise centralized control which can affect the actions of LCN members throughout the country. It can promulgate orders and effectively enforce these orders.

The obligations and duties of membership which a member assumes on his initiation to the organization implies a duty to obey the orders of the "Commission".

One high-ranking LCN member expressed the necessity for obedience to the "Commission" by comparing LCN to the Irish mobs which were strong in New York City 25 or 30 years ago. This member noted that the "Commission" was the backbone of LCN, and once its authority was lost, LCN would degenerate into individual gang fights and ultimately destroy itself.

Finally, the area of authority between the individual member and his "boss", and the individual member and the "Commission" is no longer clearly defined. The authority of the "boss" over a member of his "family" is no longer absolute. One "Commission" member is known to have expressed himself on this issue, stating that the "Commission" has a right to look into any matter (in any "borgata") which they (the "Commission") considered "dishonest" and added that "no one can stop us".

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II. ORGANIZATIONAL
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

La Cosa Nostra continues to function under the following organizational structure.

"Commissione" or "Commission"

The "Commissione" is the highest ruling body in La Cosa Nostra. The membership is composed of "rappresentanti" (bosses) of the individual "borgata." The terms "brugad" or "family" are also used synonymously with "borgata." The "borgata" operates with complete jurisdiction in the area to which it is assigned. It is subject only to the authority and control of the "Commissione." The size, strength and membership of the "borgata" may vary.

"Boss," IL "Capo" or "Rappresentante"

Each of the above terms may be used to designate the individual in charge of a "borgata." His authority is absolute (subject to "Commission" approval) and he is the final arbiter in all matters relating to the affairs of his "borgata." It is noted that the definition of authority between the "boss" and his "family" is not altogether clearly defined since the dispute of JOSEPH BONANNO with the "Commission."

"Underboss," "Sottocapo"

This individual is the second in command to the "boss." He generally relays instructions from the "boss" and acts as the "boss" of the "borgata" in the absence of the boss.

"Consiglieri," "Consulieri"

Both of the above terms have been used synonymously to designate the position in each "borgata" which position is not in the direct line of command. The "Consiglieri" advises and arbitrates disputes between members within the "family." He is the Conselor or advisor within a "borgata."

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"Capodecina," "Caporegima"

The above terms are used synonymously to signify the authority delegated to a certain member of the "borgata" by the "boss." This is the operational level of the organization. The men in the "borgata" are assigned to the various "capodecine" and are obligated to carry out their orders. There is apparently no settled number of capodecine in a "borgata", nor are there a fixed number of men assigned to a "capodecina." It should be noted that the original term of Capodecina is translated as the "Head of Ten."

"Soldier" - "Member"

The individual members of a "borgata" are known as "soldiers." Soldiers are assigned to a "Capodecina." This is the lowest stratum of rank within a "borgata."

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Recent investigation has developed several new terms referring to the organizational structure of La Cosa Nostra (LCN). The terms "Borgata", "Brugad" and "family" are used synonymously as set forth below:

"Administration" - The most widely-held definition of this term within a "Borgata" of LCN is that it refers to all positions of leadership within a "family". Thus, in referring to the "Administration" of a "family" the term would apply collectively to include the "Boss", "Underboss", "Consiglieri" and "Capodecine". Other sources have advised that the term "Administration" only applies to the "Capodecine" of a "family".

"Tournai" - A general meeting of the membership of a "family".

Selection of Leadership

"Rappresentante" (Boss) - The "Rappresentante" or Boss is elected by the members of the "Borgata" to the head of the "family". It is noted, however, that although the election of a "Boss" as the head of a "family" is thought to be within the exclusive control of the membership, it is noted that in at least two instances the "Commission" appointed acting "Bosses". CARLO GAMBINO, the "Consiglieri" of the "family" at the time of ALBERT ANASTASIA's death was appointed by the "Commission" as "Acting Boss" and later was confirmed to this position by a vote of the "Family". In the second instance, after the removal of JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO from his position as "acting boss" by "Commission" order, JOSEPH COLOMBO was appointed by the "Commission" to succeed MAGLIOCCO. His position as "Boss" was later ratified by "family" vote.

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"Sottocapo" (Underboss) - The "Underboss" is chosen and appointed by the "Boss".

"Capodecine" (Caporegime) - The "Capodecine" are appointed and chosen by the "Boss". This is to insure the complete loyalty and cooperation of the "Capodecine" to the "Boss".

"Consiglieri" - This individual, like the "Boss", is elected by the membership of the "Borgata". Usually the "Consiglieri" is nominated for his position by a "Capodecina".

Election of Commission Members

At the time or shortly thereafter when the "Commission" became the ruling body of LCN, it was apparently contemplated that every five years the members of the "Commission" would be chosen from the "Rappresentante". These elections have apparently been discontinued. It is not clear whether this was a general election among all the "Bosses" competing for a place on the "Commission" or among the "Commission" members themselves who proposed additional members for admission to the ruling body of LCN. According to the prevailing view when a boss is elected to the "Commission" he delegates his individual authority as a "Boss" to the "Commission" collectively.

Qualification and Admission to Membership

Admission of a proposed candidate to membership is no longer required to be approved by a general canvass of the entire membership. This decision as to whether an applicant can be accepted or rejected is made by a few members of the "family", in effect by a committee on admissions. This, however, may not be a generally accepted rule in all the "Borgatas".

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The candidate is proposed for membership by another member who can vouch for him.

According to the most widely-held view at this time, it is no longer necessary for a prospective member to commit murder or acts of violence on behalf of the organization as a requisite for membership.

The candidate must never have cooperated with law enforcement authorities. The swearing and symbolic ritual described as a blood oath is still a requisite for membership. The making of new members requires direct consent of the "Commission". Apparently the "Commission" is very jealous of this prerogative and will move to disqualify any members who are initiated without its approval. Generally speaking, the "books are closed" for membership. The last general admission of members was supposedly made in 1958. However, there are examples on a very selective basis where the Philadelphia "family" of ANGELO BRUNO and RAYMOND PATRARICAS "family" have initiated new members. This again with the apparent consent of the "Commission".

Membership Obligations

The word "respect" is probably the most meaningful word in the relationship of one LCN member to another. Thus, a member is shown respect according to his designated rank within the "family" and any lack of respect or wilful disrespect such as the failure to attend weddings, funerals or other functions where attendance is required as a show of respect, can bring serious reprisal to the "disrespecting" member. In many instances respect among the members is enforced by threat of death. This code of respect also takes the form which requires a member doing business in the territory of another LCN "family" to notify the latter "family" of his presence and show respect to this group.

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A member should never reveal conversations between himself and his "Capodecina" especially to a member of another "family". This is showing disrespect.

Money Lending Between Members

When a member borrows money from another member, it is the duty of the lending member to notify the receiving member's "Capodecina". This rule is in effect to keep the "Capodecina" informed so he can take appropriate action in the event his men become too deeply in debt.

Training of "Proposed" Members

Before a prospective member can be proposed for membership he is apparently counseled by the member who will sponsor him in the manner in which he should act if he is interrogated by law enforcement officers, and the proper respect which should be shown the "Administration" of the "family".

Transfers of Members from One Family to Another

Examples of "inter-family" transfers are apparently not too frequent since the boss of the accepting "family" must initiate such a request and presumably secure "Commission" approval. Apparently in those instances where the "Commission" has taken action against a particular "Borgata" as in the case of the BONANNO "family", transfer of "BONANNO" "family" members to other "families" is at least known to have the tacit approval of the "Commission".

The above rules and terminology are not meant to apply exclusively throughout the United States. In

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cities such as Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit where LCN membership is known to exist, many of the above terms and requirements are not known to be in effect. In the Chicago "family" it is noted that authority has not been delegated exclusively to LCN members to operate within the city. In several such areas non-members have been given jurisdictional control of activities which in many instances are equal to the jurisdiction of known members.

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III. LEADERSHIP

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BONANNO "Family"

LEADERSHIP

It is noted that in the previous report listing a leadership section, the BONANNO "Family" at that time (August 21, 1964) was thought to be under the control of FRANK LA BRUZZO, the brother-in-law of JOSEPH BONANNO. BONANNO had allegedly expressed a desire to retire and he was temporarily replaced by FRANK LA BRUZZO, his brother-in-law. BONANNO was subsequently arrested in Canada on charges of making false statements in his application for permanent residence in Canada. BONANNO remained in custody with the Canadian authorities until July 30, 1964, at which time he was allowed to return to the United States. Whether LA BRUZZO assumed the "family" leadership as a temporary measure to maintain the stability of the "family" and then later relinquished the leadership to JOSEPH BONANNO during BONANNO'S dispute with the "Commission", has not been clearly resolved. In any event NY T-1, advised on September 25, 1964, that the "Commission" had ordered JOSEPH BONANNO, deposed as the "Boss" of his "family" and had reduced his (BONANNO'S) entire "Administration" to the rank of "soldier".

On December 23, 1964, NY T-1, advised that the "Commission" had decided to do business with a committee of three former "caporegime" in the BONANNO "family", namely GASPAR DI GREGORIO, ANGELO CARUSO and NICK ALFANO. Subsequently, NY T-1, advised that a meeting was held at the Villa Capra Restaurant in Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York, on January 12, 1965, at which time it was announced that "GASPARINO" (GASPAR DI GREGORIO) was the new "boss" of the "family". DI GREGORIO was served a subpoena to appear before a Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, on February 20, 1965, and two days later suffered a severe heart attack.

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In early March, 1965, a meeting was held at D'Angelos Restaurant located at 252 West 55th Street, New York City. It was later announced after this meeting that GASPAR DI GREGORIO was no longer the "boss" of the former BONANNO "family".

In June, 1965, NY T-1, advised that GASPAR DI GREGORIO had been confirmed as the boss of the BONANNO "family", apparently with Commission approval.

Set forth below are the names of those individuals who were identified as belonging to the BONANNO "family" "administration" prior to the Commission's edict of September 25, 1964:

JOSEPH BONANNO

Boss

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SALVATORE VINCENT "BILL" BONANNO

Consiglieri

FRANK LA BRUZZO

Capodecina

JOHN AQUARO

Capodecina

CHARLES JOSEPH BATTAGLIA
Tuscon, Arizona

Capodecina

ANGELO CARUSO

Capodecina

NICHOLAS ALFANO

Capodecina

ANTHONY CRISCI

Capodecina

THOMAS GAETANO "Smitty" D'ANGELO

Capodecina

[REDACTED]

Capodecina

GASPARE DI GREGORIO

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[REDACTED]

GUISEPPE GRIMALDI

NICHOLAS MARANGELO

JOSEPH NOTARO

[REDACTED]

MICHAEL SABELLA

MATTEO VALVO

Capodecina

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In those instances where the residence of the individuals has not been set out above, his residence is at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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LEADERSHIP:

Prior to the withdrawal of the recognition of JOSEPH BONANNO by the "Commission" as the head of the BONANNO "family", JOSEPH BONANNO resided at 1847 East Elm Street, Tuscon, Arizona. It is noted that BONANNO's present whereabouts are unknown. It is also noted that SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO, the son of JOSEPH BONANNO and former "Consiglieri" of the BONANNO "family", resided at 6331 East Calle del Paisano, Phoenix, Arizona. It is noted that "BILL" BONANNO is currently incarcerated at the Federal House of Detention, New York City, on contempt charges. CHARLES JOSEPH BATTAGLIA, Jr., 1938 West Lester, Tuscon, Arizona, has been identified as a former "Capodecina" in the BONANNO "family." Prior to the dispute between the "Commission" and the BONANNO "family," JOSEPH BONANNO, "boss of the BONANNO family", was alleged to have created a "decina" in the Phoenix area which was headed by SALVATOR VINCENT BONANNO.

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LEADERSHIP:

[redacted] has been identified by NY T-15 as the "underboss" of La Cosa Nostra for the San Diego area. FRANK BOMPENSIERO has been identified as the "Consiglieri" of this group. JOSEPH J. LIMANDRI has been identified as "Capodecina" of the San Diego "decina." It is noted that the San Diego group is under the supervision and control of the Los Angeles "family" headed by FRANK DESIMONE.

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MEMERSHIP

The "La Cosa Nostra" membership section of this report is broken down into members and suspected members by each reporting field division. Those who are listed as members have been reliably identified by the respective field divisions under the Bureau criteria for membership. All other subjects who do not meet the criteria for membership, are listed as suspected members. Where a member occupies a position of leadership, his rank will be designated in parenthesis near the subject's name. If a particular "family" boss is also a member of the "Commission", this fact will also be indicated next to his name.

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NEW YORK

BONANNO "Family"

MEMBERSHIP

NY T-18 has estimated the strength of the BONANNO "family" between 180 and 200 members in the United States. He further estimated that there are approximately 20 BONANNO "family" members in Canada.

Set forth below are individuals who have been identified as members and suspected members of La Cosa Nostra (LCN) in the BONANNO "family". No rank is being designated within the "family" inasmuch as the "administration" within the BONANNO "family" have all been reduced to the rank of "soldier".

It should be noted that although JOSEPH BONANNO has been deposed as "boss" of the "family" his name is being retained to designate this particular "family" of LCN until the question of leadership has been resolved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Suspected Member</u>
JOHN AQUARO	X	
ADAMO	X	
NICHOLAS ALFANO	X	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>		X
STEFANO BARRANCA	X	
CHARLES JOSEPH BATTAGLIA (OO: Phoenix)	X	
JOSEPH BONANNO	X	
SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO	X	

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Suspected Member</u>
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED] (in Italy)	X	
ANGELO CARUSO	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
WILLIE CICCONE		X
ANTHONY CRISCI	X	
MICHAEL JOSEPH CONSOLO	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
GASPARE DI GREGORIO	X	

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Suspected Member</u>
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]	X	
NATALE EVOLA	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		
PASQUALE GIGANTE	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		X
SALVATORE GIGLIO	X	
[REDACTED]		X

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FRANK LA BRUZZO

ANTHONY LEONE

ANTHONY LICATA

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FRANK MARI

X

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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JOSEPH MESSINA

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JOSEPH NOTARO

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Suspected Member</u>
ANGELO PRESENZANO	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
MIKE SABELLA	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]		X
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Suspected Member</u>
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]	X	
[REDACTED]		
MATTEO VALVO	X	
BENNY VALVO	X	
[REDACTED]		X
[REDACTED]	X	
JOSEPH ARTHUR ZICARELLI	X	
<p>NY T-18 advised that the following are BONANNO "family" members residing in Canada. He estimated that prior to the BONANNO "family" dispute with the "Commission" there were 20 BONANNO "family" members in Canada.</p>		
LOUIS "HUGHIE" GRECO	X	
[REDACTED]	X	

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PHOENIX

MEMBERSHIP

The following have been identified as La Cosa Nostra members who reside in the Phoenix Division. It should be noted that these individuals have been previously identified and set forth under the New York BONANNO "family":

Name

Member

JOSEPH BONANNO,
former resident of Tuscon,
Arizona, who still maintains
a residence at 1847 East Elm
Street, Tuscon, where his wife
FAYE now resides. BONANNO was
formerly the boss of a La Cosa
Nostra "family", the majority
of these members are residing
in the New York City area.
His present whereabouts are
unknown.

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SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO (BILL),
son of JOSEPH BONANNO, who continues
to maintain a residence at 6331
East Calle del Paisano, Phoenix,
Arizona. BILL BONANNO was the former
Consigliere in the BONANNO
"family", the majority of which
members are residing in New York City.
He is currently incarcerated in the
Federal House of Detention, New York
City, on contempt charges after having
been granted immunity and subsequently
refused to testify before a Federal
Grand Jury, Southern District of New York.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>
CHARLES JOSEPH BATTAGLIA, JR., is a former "Capodecina," BONANNO "family", Tuscon, Arizona.	X

The following are suspected La Cosa Nostra members who reside in the Phoenix Division. It should be noted that these individuals have been previously identified and set forth under the New York BONANNO "family":

<u>Name</u>	<u>Suspected Member</u>
PETER SCIORTINO	X
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V. CRIMINAL
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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

THOMAS EBOLI are regular recipients of skim funds delivered by couriers. This money is subsequently split up and distributed to various "family" members who have "point" ownership in the various Las Vegas casinos.

Kidnapping

On October 21, 1964, JOSEPH BONANNO, the former "boss" of the BONANNO "family" was kidnapped in front of 36 Park Avenue, New York City. As has been previously set forth in this report, there is speculation as to whether the kidnapping of BONANNO was "staged", or a well-executed plan masterminded by members of the "Commission". BONANNO's present whereabouts are unknown and there are conflicting opinions as to whether he is actually being held prisoner on the orders of the "Commission" or hiding out to avoid possible assassination from fellow LCN members.

Murder

On November 23, 1961, the body of ALBERT AGUECI, formerly of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was found bound and burned on a farm near Rochester, New York. Investigation into this matter developed information that members of the MAGADDINO "family", particularly FRED RANDACCIO, were involved in this murder or had an intimate knowledge of the actual assassination. On March 20, 1964, a newspaper article appeared in the "Buffalo Courier Express", a Buffalo daily newspaper, captioned "Agueci Murder Is Attributed to Cosa Nostra Here". The newspaper article stated in part that the Ontario Police Commission said that ALBERT AGUECI, Toronto-Buffalo LCN member, was murdered because he threatened to talk after Buffalo members of the syndicate refused to put up bail for him.

In Detroit, during January, 1964, it was alleged that PETER LOMBARDO and NICK DITTA had requested and received permission from a higher authority in the Detroit "syndicate" to kill one [REDACTED]. On January 19, 1964,

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an explosion occurred in []'s car which caused the loss of his leg. [] was hospitalized until February 14, 1964. Members of the Detroit syndicate expressed the opinion that as soon as [] recovered sufficiently, he would be looking for PETER LOMBARDO, NICK DITTA, and possibly []. On April 17, 1965, PETER LOMBARDO was found murdered in his home at 28203 Shock Street, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. The principal suspect in the slaying of LOMBARDO is [].

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The following gangland type killings have been attributed to the Los Angeles "family" of LCN:

ANTHONY TROMBINO murder
(August 6, 1951)

ANTHONY BRONCATO murder
(August 6, 1951)

DAVID M. OGUL murder
(October 10, 1949)

FRANK NICCOLI murder
(September 2, 1949)

SAMUEL RUMMEL murder
(December 11, 1950)

RUSSIAN LOUIS STRAUSS murder
(April 16, 1953)

FRANK BORGIA murder
(December 2, 1951)

RALPH GENOVESE murder
(date disappeared unknown)

JAMES DELMONT murder
(June 4, 1960)

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

BONANNO "Family" Members

SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO

JOSEPH NOTARO

FRANK LA BRUZZO

NICHOLAS MARANGELLO

GASPAR DI GREGORIO (did not appear due to heart
condition)

JOHN ACQUARO

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ANGELO CARUSO

MICHAEL CONSOLO

[REDACTED]

ANGELO PRESENZANO

ANTHONY CRISCI

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PASQUALE GIGANTE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FRANK MARI

[REDACTED]

MICHAEL SABELLA

[REDACTED]

BENJAMIN VALVO

MATEO VALVO

[REDACTED]

JOSEPH MESSINA

[REDACTED]

MIKE ADAMO

JOSEPH ZICARELLI

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VI. CONSPIRATORIAL
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"Commission" Meetings

During September, 1964, when the BONANNO dispute with the "Commission" was in its most critical phase, and through March, 1965, the "Commission" was known to have met on at least ten occasions. This is a conservative estimate since the "Commission" members clothed their movements in secrecy to avoid detection of the times and places of their meetings. An interesting aspect is that in perhaps the majority of meetings, the complete nine-member group which is known to comprise the present "Commission", were seldom, if ever, present at any one meeting.

One such meeting took place on October 5, 1964, at the home of THOMAS EBOLI in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. EBOLI has been identified as the "acting underboss" of the GENOVESE "family". Those believed to be present were CARLO GAMBINO, STEFANO MAGADDINO, ANGELO BRUNO, GERARDO CATENA and THOMAS LUCHESE. THOMAS EBOLI, of course, was also present. In other known "Commission" get-togethers, only two or three known "Commission" members would be in attendance. However, in addition, there would be high-ranking "capodecine" present from other "families" who were apparently representing their "bosses" who are known "Commission" members. It would thus appear that a "Commission" member can delegate his authority to one of his "capodecine" or authorize another "Commission" member to act for him.

It has been reported that both SAM GIANCANA of Chicago and JOSEPH ZERILLI of Detroit have authorized THOMAS LUCHESE to act for them in future meetings of the "Commission". The fear of discovery of those in attendance at such meetings has been due to the attendant publicity which began with the Apalachin meeting of 1957 and the publicity given to the disappearance of JOSEPH BONANNO. There is little doubt that the publicity which has been generated by the conspiratorial nature of such meetings has tended to reduce full attendance of "Commission" meetings. Only the controversy created by the BONANNO dispute could have occasioned the ten meetings as previously mentioned.

In the Pittsburgh area, it was determined in the latter part of May, 1965, that leading suspected LCN members in the Pittsburgh area met at a motel in Westmoreland County. Those who have been identified as being in attendance were FRANK AMATO and his son FRANK D. AMATO, "KELLY" MANNARINO, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The significance of this meeting has not yet been ascertained.

In the Los Angeles area, it was reported that FRANK DESIMONE, "boss" of the Los Angeles LCN "family", had travelled to the East Coast where he was informed that the "Commission" had expelled JOSEPH BONANNO and his entire "family" from LCN. DESIMONE apparently received instructions from the "Commission" that no member of any "family" throughout the United States should have any further contact or business with the BONANNO "family" or any member thereof. It has also been reported that DESIMONE relayed these instructions to JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO in Dallas, Texas, as well as to those LCN members residing in the San Diego area.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, MOBILE
FROM: *JH* SAC, NEW YORK (92-2300)
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
AR - CONSPIRACY

Date: 7/19/65

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Re NY report of SA LEONARD H. MC COY, 6/25/65.

Enclosed are amended pages 46, 64, 83, 84, 131, 139-140, 162a, 167, 171 and redated FD 204 and FD 272 for the captioned report.

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